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Mr. Eugene W. Morrill, Chairman  
School Board  
Town of New Castle, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Morrill:

Your letter of November 14, 1951 has been referred to me for reply. You inquired as to whether or not the Town of New Castle would be required to hire another bus to transport parochial school children to Portsmouth. It is my understanding that in the past parochial school children have been riding as a matter of courtesy on busses transporting public school children to Portsmouth.

This office has interpreted Revised Laws, Chapter 135, Section 9 many times. It is our interpretation that the phraseology "within any town or district" means that within a district parochial school children are entitled to the same transportation privileges as public school children, but that statute is restrictive in its meaning and hence does not extend to transportation across district or town lines. In short, New Castle does not have to provide transportation for parochial school children to Portsmouth.

Very truly yours,

Henry Dowst, Jr.,  
Assistant Attorney General

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